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SUBJECT: ANTUNES'S VISIT TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND HUNGARY

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED JAN 7 THAT FOREIGN MINISTER MELO ANTUNES WILL VISIT HUNGARY JAN 12-14 AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA JAN 15-17 TO DISCUSS BILATERAL RELATIONS AND CURRENT INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS. ANTUNES WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE, FONMIN DIRGEN FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS MAGALHAES CRUZ, AND FONMIN DEPUTY DIRGEN FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS SILVA MARQUES. ANTUNES WILL ALSO PRESIDE OVER MEETING OF PORTUGUESE AMBASSADORS TO EASTERN EUROPE WHICH WILL BE HELD IN VIENNA JAN 17-19. FONMIN DIRGEN FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS PEQUITO WILL PARTICIPATE IN VIENNA MEETING.

2. FOREIGN MINISTRY INFORMED EMBASSY THAT THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL VISITS ARE SCHEDULED, BUT NOT YET CONFIRMED. ANTUNES
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IS SCHEDULED TO TRAVEL TO BELGIUM FEB 27-28, TO DENMARK IN FEB,

AND TO IRAN AND POLAND IN MARCH. ITALIAN FONMIN RUMOR AND DUTCH FONMIN VAN DER STOEL ARE ALSO SCHEDULED TO VISIT PORTUGAL IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY, RESPECTIVELY.

3. COMMENT: ANTUNES'S TRAVELS ARE DESIGNED TO DEMONSTRATE USEFUL RESULTS OF POLICY OF EMPHASIZING CLOSE RELATIONS WITH THIRD WORLD AND SOCIALIST COUNTRIES. ANTUNES HAS BEEN A LEADING EXPONENT OF THIS APPROACH.
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